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In re Patent Application of:
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For: CAPILLARY ELECTROPHORESIS CHIP
APPARATUS FOR DETECTING
NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISM AND
SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISM

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-referenced application. A final Office Action was mailed on July 9, 2008 ("the OA"), for which a response was due on October 9, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 10, 2008 (November 9, 2008 falls on a Sunday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment for the above-referenced patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and replacement sheets are provided.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.